

friday, dec 31, 2010

A warm welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship the Lord. May our worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve him who loves us with an everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

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Weavers Mennonite Church



Worship Celebration Sunday, December 26, 2010

Called into God's Family, we join together to be transformed through worship, to nurture one another, to be equipped to serve Jesus Christ, and to carry out His mission in the world.

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A warm welcome to our visitors. We are delighted to welcome each person to engage in the worship of God. As God's children let us joyfully praise our heavenly Father.

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Prelude ~ Jacob, Eli, Carrie Wright

Welcome & Announcements ~ Marvin Slabaugh

Praise and Worship ~ c/o Larry Sauder

Focusing & Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Hymns ~ Harold Huffman

First Fruits Giving (offertory - Jacob Wright)

[go here to email your bulletin announcements to Sandi by Thursday noon](#)

Sermon, "Sweet Baby Jesus, No Crying He Makes - NOT!"

~ Richard Bowman, Overseer

Scripture: Ps. 148; Matt. 2:13-23

Hymn of Response

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

[see previous bulletins](#)

TODAY AT WEAVERS

Nursery services are available.

Attendants- Sunday School: Debbie Rhodes, Janel Early

Worship Service: Lisa Hawkins-Shank

Children's Sunday School classes held downstairs at 9:15am; Youth and Adults classes at 9:30am. Ushers are glad to assist with directions.

Our auditorium is open during Sunday School for persons to come and experience a welcoming place for contemplation and meditation. Please feel free to meditate there remembering those around you and the Sunday School classes in the balcony.

During the Worship Hour -
~ Hearing assistance units are available from the ushers.

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS
Wednesday, December 29
6:30pm Jr. High Youth led by Tammy Shearer

Friday, December 31
7pm Sr. High Youth meet at Jessica Hiter's for New Year's eve party

Saturday, January 1
New Year's Day
7pm Harmonia Sacra Sing

Sunday January 2
Speaker, Phil Kanagy
Nursery Attendants- Sunday School: Raleigh and Shandra Deputy
Worship Service: Alyssa Eby, Katherine Mumaw, Jessica Hiter

Statistics for Sunday, December 19, 2010

Sunday School Attendance - 146

Worship Attendance - 244

Offering: Budget - \$9,262.00

Upcoming Events

Jan. 5, 12, 19 January Event in Shady Oak, meal and input

Jan. 28, 29, 30 Weekend with Steve & Annie Chapman

Announcements

Birthday wishes this week to: Devon Simonetti (10 yrs.), Fae Deputy (5 yrs.), Floyd Blosser, Jeff Rhodes, Teresa Jackson, Leah Deputy, Joyce Burkholder, Thelma Maust, and Annie Kanagy.

You are offered first dibs at purchasing "purged" books from the Children's Library. They are 50¢ each - located in the Children's library.

Thank you to all who participated and helped in many ways for the Walk-Through Bethlehem. Close to 60 persons helped, in addition to the cookie bakers. We estimate 500 visitors came to "Bethlehem".

Cookie Angels, your halo has been increased in size due to the overwhelming efforts to have cookies for the Walk Through Bethlehem event. Thank you ever so much for your time and effort to help out in this way! If you brought your cookies in a container, you can find it on the counter in the kitchen, at Shady Oak. Some leftover cookies were used in fund raising for Emily Gingrich's missions term, and a few will be for our January Event. Again, thank you to all of our wonderful bakers!

There are no words to express how deep our appreciation is for each of you as you walked with us on Ellen's journey with cancer. We truly felt your love and concern expressed in so many ways. May the Lord bless you as you have blessed us. --The

Harold Martin family

The 108th Annual Harmonia Sacra Singing will be held at Weavers on New Year's Day, at 7:00pm. This is 4-part, unaccompanied singing of Harmonia Sacra hymns and is a community event.

Small groups, Sunday School classes, or any interested individuals are invited to help prepare a simple Wednesday evening meal January 5, 12 or 19. Call Marilyn Schlabach at home (438-5875) or cell (383-5062) if you can help. Don't delay---2011 will soon be here!

Beginning in 2011, individuals who wish to receive tax receipts for their contributions to Weavers will need to give their offering in an envelope (provided by Weavers).

Each participating family will be given a number assigned by Weavers. The corresponding numbered envelopes will be used to record the contributions, including cash gifts and amounts less than \$250. If you would like to participate in this program, please let Sandi or Owen Byer (byer@emu.edu) know before the end of the year.

Update on Written History of Weavers Church

Last year, plans for a written history of Weaver Church were started with James O. Lehman as the writer. Recently he has declined since he has developed some health problems with implications for his age. Thankfully, Elwood Yoder has consented to pick up the project this summer and begin his research and writing. This past year he completed a written history on his home congregation, Zion Mennonite Church, and found it a fulfilling experience. Since he also is a full time teacher at Eastern Mennonite School, it will be 2013 until the book is completed.

Donations and pledges for the expense of writing the book are presently at \$6,546.00.

We will need around \$20,000 by the time the book is ready for publishing. From earlier contacts, a few persons stated an interest in a donation yet in 2010. Please put donations in the mailbox on the top row marked "History Project". Hopefully this project can be supported by the congregation as above budget.

Elwood Yoder will be our resource speaker on a series of studies "The Bare Essentials" the first three Wednesday evenings of January in Shady Oak. Please come and get acquainted with Elwood and get a better understanding of the value of discovering our history as a 185 years old congregation.

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